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Beg to Notify Customers that Assorted Hampers suitable for the Festive Season may be obtained from them at the following Reduced Rates:-

No. 1 HAMPER—\$35.

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| 1 Qt. Meot & Chandon Dry Imp. Champagne. | 1 Qt. Superb Tawny Port. |
| 1 Qt. Blackberry Brandy. | 1 Qt. St. Julien Claret. |
| 1 Qt. D.O.M. | 1 Qt. Old Brown Sherry R.S. |
| 1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy. | 1 Qt. D.C.L. Old Tom or Dry Gin. |
| 2 Qts. King Geo. IV or Perfection Whisky. | 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Australian Burgundy. |
| | 1 phial Pomeranzan Bitters. |

No. 2 HAMPER—\$30.

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| 1 Qt. Guillemart Champagne. |
| 1 Ft. D.O.M. |
| 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy. |
| 1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy. |
| 2 Qts. King Geo. IV or Perfection Whisky. |
| 2 Qts. Tawny Dry Port. |
| 2 Qts. St. Julien Claret. |
| 1 Qt. D.C.L. Old Tom or Dry Gin. |
| 1 Qt. Vio de Pasto Sherry. |
| 1 phial Pomeranzan Bitters. |

No. 3 HAMPER—\$25.

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| 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy. |
| 1 Ft. G. F. Peppermint. |
| 1 Ft. D.O.M. |
| 2 Qts. Sup. R.O. Port. |
| 2 Qts. King Geo. IV or Perfection Whisky. |
| 1 Qt. Engrand's XXX Brandy. |
| 1 Qt. Amontillado Sherry W.S. |
| 2 Qts. Medoc Claret. |
| 1 Qt. D.C.L. Old Tom or Dry Gin. |
| 1 phial Pomeranzan Bitters. |

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**COLCHESTER OYSTER FEAST
BANKER ON INFLATION.**

Nearly 400 guests attended the Colchester Oyster Feast on October 18th, on the invitation of the Mayor of Colchester (Councillor Percy A. Sanders). Amongst those who supported the Mayor at the principal table were the Belgian Ambassador (Baron Moncheur), the Earl of Derby (Secretary of State for War), Sir Samuel Hoare, Bt., M.P. (Secretary of State for Air), Sir L. Worthington-Evans, Bt., M.P. (Postmaster-General), Viscount Bournemouth, and Mr. Justice Eve. Lord Derby, responding to the toast said he was glad that at the present moment the outlook at the War Office had not a cloud on the horizon. It was a proud position for anybody to speak for the Army. When to-day everybody did something exactly opposite to what one would expect, the soldier was a brilliant exception. He always did what he was expected to do. He "grouched" when there was nothing to "grouse" about—(laughter); he never "grouched" when he had a legitimate cause. (Cheers.) He did the impossible, as one would think when he was called upon to do it. (Cheers.) He never kicked a foe when he was down, and he always behaved with self-restraint and like a gentleman. (Cheers.) Never had these qualities been more noteworthy than in the Army which had just left Constantinople. (Cheers.) Never had they shown those qualities to a greater extent. The Army was small, but whether small in times of peace or large in times of war, it was always an Army of which the country could be and ought to be proud. (Cheers.)

Sir Samuel Hoare, replying for the Air Service, mentioned that the previous week, there had been a series of interesting competitions between small aeroplanes at Lympne—aeroplane so small that one could push back their wings, and could put a machine in a garage in little more space than would be taken by a motor-car. Those small machines were able to go 100 miles on a single gallon of petrol, and rise to a height of 15,000ft. The competitions impressed his technical advisers with the idea that these light, cheap machines could be used for training pilots, and the Air Ministry were going to offer prizes for competitions for such two-seater small aeroplanes. He could assure them the Government intended to leave no stone unturned to enable the country to take its proper place in the air. We led on sea and on land, and there was no reason why we should not lead in the air. (Cheers.)

EMPIRE'S PROSPERITY.
Sir L. Worthington-Evans then submitted the toast, "Prosperity for our Empire." He had wondered, he said, what it was that constituted prosperity for our Empire, but when he noticed the names of those who were to respond he agreed that the three requisites for that prosperity were, first, a well-instructed public opinion; secondly, a monetary and currency system with which to order our financial and commercial relations; and, thirdly, an inventive enterprise to lighten the burden left upon us by the war. The future prosperity of the Empire depended, upon how the political, social, and economic problems which confronted us were settled.

Viscount Bournemouth, in responding, said he was certain in his own mind that the prosperity of the Empire depended first and foremost upon the state of its communications—communications by sea and in the air, under the sea, and above the air. Supporting our communications by sea had been as cheap and easy as they ought to be, there would be less question to-day of the congested state of our own population. The possibilities of emigration and overseas settlement depended more than anything else upon cheap fares, and how could they have the full volume of overseas settlement and a proper distribution of man-power in this Empire when the ocean fares to Australia were two and a half to three times what they were before the war?

When he thought of communications of another kind, he turned naturally to the proposer of the toast, who was the keeper of his Majesty's postal conscience. (Laughter.) He was quite certain that being, as the Postmaster-General was, a keen and capable man of business—(hear, hear)—he would leave no stone unturned to effect such reforms as would keep them well abreast of the time. (Hear, hear.) But it would be useless to pretend that unless the demands of Great Britain for proper and adequate facilities for wireless, telegraphy and telephony with the outer parts of the Empire were granted, they would not be satisfied with him. After all, the confederation of our ocean Commonwealth was not merely commercial and material; it was also spiritual and intellectual. (Cheers.) What they wanted was a full understanding between all parts of the Empire, and they could only have it by an interchange—an easy and cheap interchange—of news and views that would lead to the united action of the common mind, without which not only would our Empire in the long run come to the ground, but the world would be left without much hope for the future. He was sure they would join with him in the pious and practical hope and aspiration that the circumference of our Empire might never grow less, and that our communications might ever grow more and better.

Mr. F. C. Goodenough, (chairman of Barclays Bank, Ltd.), who also replied to the toast, said: "The commercial prosperity of the Empire will not, in my opinion, be secured through a policy of deliberate inflation, nor will the evils of unemployment be counterbalanced by such a policy. We are witnessing to-day the financial and political disruption of Germany because her people had not the moral courage to face her creditors and to check inflation, which, if once adopted as a method of gaining prosperity, soon gets the upper hand and takes control, and finally brings the victim to ruin. On the other hand, deflation is a matter which has to be handled with the greatest care. History shows that the discovery and development of America owed its

origin to the interruption of the European trade with the East. Now we have a similar breakdown in European trade, which may bring about the same speedy development of the Empire. It is a matter of the very greatest importance at the present time, from the point of view of development of trade within the Empire, that there should be neither inflation nor deflation here, but that sterling should maintain a steady value. Whatever may happen to other currencies, we wish to see the relative value of sterling to commodities upon a stable basis. That would give greater confidence to those engaged in trade than any other thing. The world is passing through a period of readjustment of price levels. With the great accumulation of gold in America, prices may rise there, and the gold dollar may somewhat decline in purchasing power. Other currencies may be restored and regain a part of the purchasing power that they have lost, but sterling, if it can remain stable in its relation to commodities, will be a potent force in bringing about the recovery in trade of which the world stands so badly in need. I cannot emphasize too strongly the point particularly brought to our notice by the Prime Minister of Australia, that although inter-Government schemes for Empire development are good in the initial stages, at all events it is through private enterprise that the biggest development and the best results can be attained, both as regards trade and also as regards offering to our emigrant population sure and certain employment. No investor would be ready to embark upon an enterprise when he may have to repay borrowed money or receive profits in a currency which may have altered in value at the time when he has to repay or when his profits come to hand. The maintenance of a steady value for sterling in its relation to commodities can play a great part in the commercial prosperity of the Empire." (Cheers.)

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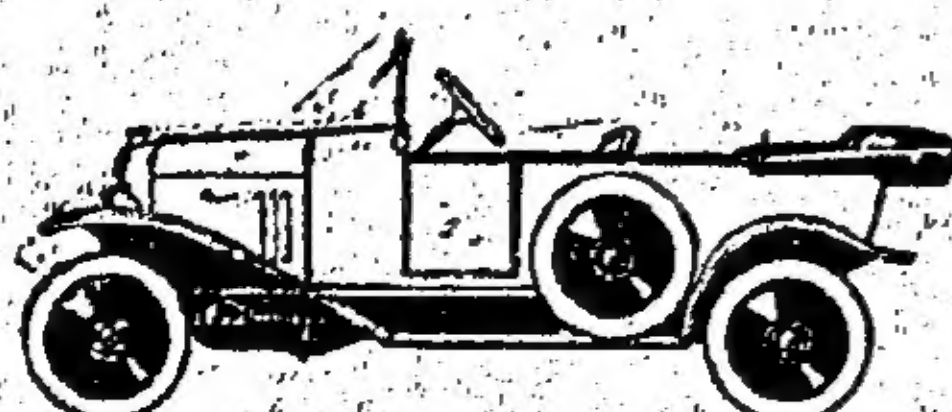
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TRADE UNIONS IN JAPAN. RETARDED MOVEMENT.

In a lengthy article a special correspondent of *The Times* deals with Japanese Labour problems, which are steadily increasing both in number and complexity. They have no Labour movement—as the term is generally understood in the Old World—but the general aim is legislative solution of those problems.

Generally speaking, it may be said that neither Factory Acts nor International Labour Conferences have had any great effect upon industrial conditions in Japan. That wages are higher and hours are fewer than was the case twenty, or even ten, years ago is the result neither of paternal legislation nor of solid and aggressive labour organisation, neither is it due to moral suasion exerted upon employers by humanitarian social reformers. Such changes of industrial conditions as have taken place in Japan have "just happened," but this mode of social progress is altogether too erratic and unbalanced in operation to be accepted as a permanent institution. It may not be long before there is a real "labour movement" in Japan—a movement effectively organised, having a clearly defined objective, and following plainly marked lines of action leading to that objective.

He would be a bold man who ventured to risk his reputation as a prophet on an opinion as to the manner in which this movement is likely to develop. There is not a single Labour member in the Legislature—there is no Labour Party in politics, and no real Labour movement even outside the political arena. There is no universal suffrage, and little confidence in political strategy and Parliamentary tactics as means of improving industrial and social conditions. Yet, despite this long, though incomplete, list of mere negations, the workers in Japan are keenly aware of their grievances, and almost as keenly determined upon finding a remedy. The manner in which the search for a solution of Japan's labour problems proceeds will depend very largely upon the attitude of the Administration. If it takes its courage in both hands and permits of free discussion among the Japanese of questions which are openly and harmlessly debated in most civilised countries, there will be less likelihood of the Labour movement in Japan being driven headlong in the direction in which some fear it is already moving.

EVOLUTION AND DIET.

ANIMAL FOOD FALLACY.

It is incorrect to assume that disease and premature death result from animal food, as man was for a long time more carnivorous than vegetarian," said Dr. Harry Campbell, in a lecture on "Evolution and Diet" at the Institute of Hygiene. Man, he declared, had passed from vegetarianism to a mixed diet, which tended to revert to vegetarianism. Man was less able to digest raw vegetables, but a race was being evolved capable of being reared on cow's milk and of digesting enormous amounts of starch and sugar. There was, said the doctor, no fixed ideal dietary for everybody; there were many correct dietarys adapted to the varying conditions of human existence.

Tracing the evolution of man and diet, Dr. Campbell said that man was apt to picture early man as surrounded by a profusion of sweet-tasting seeds and luscious fruits—as living in a very Eden of plenty, where abundance of delicate food was to be had for the mere trouble of gathering it. But the reality was far otherwise, and the popular belief was perhaps due to the mistaken notion that fruits like the fig, date, and banana, and the sugarcane and coconuts, then grew wild in perfection and abundance, whereas they were now really the finished products of cultivation which had changed them out of all resemblance to their wild and barely edible congeners. During the earliest period man's diet included all sorts of animal food, from fish, birds and birds' eggs, and every species of mammal down to frogs, lizards, snakes, shell fish, worms, snails, insects, caterpillars, and grubs. Honey was available. Seeds and nuts provided protein, fruit gave carbohydrates, and salts, and fleshy vegetables gave starch. There were also berries, leaves, and shoots. All vegetables contained much cellulose and bitter and acid principles. After this anthropoid period came the hominid period, when man became more intelligent and nomadic. He could trap small animals, and was able to reject, to some extent, the less palatable and indigestible vegetable foods. He was essentially vegetarian.

Next came the period when man learnt to hunt and fish. Better supplies of animal food led to its greater use and to a lessening of the ability to digest raw vegetables, which needed very efficient mastication to break up their cellulose framework. Cookery came next, and was probably the most epoch-making of all inventions, for with it man secured the master key to high-limbed supplies of food, especially starchy foods. Starchy foods were now consumed to an enormous extent, and in a pappy form, which could be swallowed without mastication. The modern stomach was literally deluged with starchy foods, which slipped down into it with a facility which could only be characterised as disastrous. Sugar was eaten to an enormous extent, where honey and fruits were once the only sources. Man had, therefore, passed from vegetarianism to a mixed diet, which tended to revert to vegetarianism.

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Mr. Lloyd George expressed regret that Col. Dumont should have used such a phrase, and added: "I never heard that phrase between 1914 and 1918. There are 600,000 dead from the British Empire as a proof of our friendship. That proof is scattered over extensive graveyards in France and Flanders. 'Protect us against our friends!' I would ask him not to repeat that. Why, at the present time there are 1,300,000 of our best workmen eating this bread of charity because we went to help France in 1914-1918."

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SCOTTISH LETTER.
THE HOUSING SHORTAGE.
TRADE UNION DICTATION.
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

EDINBURGH, October 24th.
A short time ago I described the shortage of houses as one of the great problems of the day in Scotland, and pointed out that the working classes were the greatest sufferers. It cannot be too often or too strongly stated, however, that a great part of this housing shortage is due to the trade unionists among the working classes. Last week, for instance, a remarkable request was made to Edinburgh Town Council by a deputation of workers engaged in the building trades. In effect, the deputation claimed to exercise, if not a right of veto, at least a right of suspension, over the new scheme for the erection of concrete houses in Edinburgh by the duo-lab method. "This is a good example of the dictation which the Trade Unions wish to exercise over our local bodies. Shortly put, the deputation, on which bricklayers and plasterers were strongly represented, should decide what sort of houses the Corporation were to erect. We have not yet reached the stage of Guild Socialism, when, in accordance with this Socialistic theory, the organised workers in every industry will be its controlling authority; but we are getting dangerously near it in practice, with results in the building trade which have done more than anything else to check the supply of new houses. The restrictions upon apprentices, the refusal to permit dilution, the enforcement of an arbitrary law of output which condemns the efficient and active worker to keep pace with the slowest and least efficient—these are some ways in which Trade Union regulations have been a deterrent to building and have intensified the housing shortage.

SCOTS AND THE COLONIES.

When the Imperial Conference discusses the question of migration within the Empire there is every likelihood that Scotland will come prominently into the picture. For generations Scotland has sent to the overseas Dominions a type of settler who has generally been welcomed, and who, as a rule, has made good. In fact, it is no secret that some of the Dominions are distinctly partial to the Scottish emigrant. Since it is mostly land workers that are in demand, obviously the people from the Highlands and the agricultural areas of Scotland are more promising candidates than those, say, from the great industrial centres. It will not be surprising, if allusion is made by the Dominion Premiers to the advantageous position of Scotland as a recruiting ground for overseas settlers. One of the Canadian provincial Governments is taking definite steps to give what may be described as a preference to emigrants from the Highlands. This action is based upon past experience. The stock in previous batches was found to be entirely good. In some quarters emigration as a solution for the unemployment problem is bitterly condemned, but the criticism of this policy has had little or no effect in interrupting schemes for emigration (within the Empire) of some of the existing surplus population. Indeed, at the present time, the Dominion Premiers are being approached by some of the Highland M.P.s and others interested in the problem with a view to devising new schemes or accelerating old ones that are calculated to relieve the situation in some of the distressed Scottish countries. The position in the Western Highlands is probably as acute as anywhere else. There the surplus population is estimated in round thousands, and the bulk of them are not eligible for the dole. What the overseas representatives are being pressed to do is to undertake some special means to absorb more speedily than their existing arrangements now permit some of these people. If quotas are now full the Premiers are asked to try and get the regulations relaxed, and by special effort to anticipate requirements for some period ahead. A special emphasis is being laid on the desirability for schemes to take out whole families at a time.

THE KING AND HOLYROOD.

I believe that it is now practically certain the King and Queen will put in an annual stay at Holyrood Palace. Their Majesties made inquiries about the matter after their last visit to Edinburgh, and they have given the idea prolonged consideration. It has always been the King's desire to follow this procedure, but his duties have been so many during the last few years that it has been impossible to fix it up.

PRINCESS LOUISE AND ROSNEATH.

Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll), who is now at her home in Dunrobinshire, prefers Rosneath at this season of the year, and the choice is a wise one. Although Rosneath was never completed on the ambitious scale on which it was planned, it is a beautiful house set in charming grounds, and the artistic taste of the royal owner is evident within and without. The Princess and her husband at one time made a holiday home at the Ferry Inn at Rosneath. The Princess had the inn enlarged and improved to suit her taste, and when she left she allowed it to be used as a convalescent home for "fighting men broken in our wars." Notwithstanding her seventy-five years the Princess is still very active, and seems to feel her age no more than she looks it, which is saying much.

In these days when the whole idea underlying personal thrift is being attacked by shallow theorists and unscrupulous agitators, it is reassuring to have proof that the old spirit of saving and self-help by which Scotland found her economic salvation is by no means dead. At the conference of Scottish Savings Workers which is being held under the auspices of the Scottish Savings Committee it was stated that the total number of savings certificates sold through the agency of the 4,199 savings associations in Scotland was 539,877,523, and

that Glasgow's outstanding share amounted to nearly \$14,000,000. That, despite trade depression, 174,310 certificates should have been sold in Glasgow in June and July of this year testifies to the excellent work done by the savings movement. That movement has become a part of the economic machinery of peace time. The figures show that the movement has fulfilled its purpose of distributing a holding in the National Debt among those classes of the community who formerly had no direct financial interest of this kind. Such a distribution is a guarantee of national stability, and a safeguard against attempts at financial inflation. The savings movement, in short, is an invaluable social agency.

OLD TIME GOLF TROPHY.

Some of the most coveted prizes in the world of golf are naturally associated with Scottish clubs. Of such is the old silver cup of Royal Musselburgh Club, which Dr. A. Cleland won the other day on the once famous course. The golf glory that was Musselburgh has departed, but the historic club and some good golf remain. "Pandy" may have lost its old-time terrors, and the course its one-time glamour, but it firmly holds its place in tradition and sentiment, and it still presents problems of play which those who know it best deem by no means unworthy. When the Royal Musselburgh members dined at the close of their medal meeting the other evening the old trophy was on the table. Time-dimmed medals hang upon it, and each time they jingle they sound the summary of a century and a half of golf history. The first date on the cup is 1774.

THE SOCIABLE SCOT.

It has been cynically observed that the population of London is mainly composed of members of Scottish associations. There is some shade of justification for the quip, as there are over seventy distinct societies of exiles in the Metropolis, and more are being formed yearly to appease the homesickness of Scots, who feel friendly in this bulging city of friends. The Highlanders here are a case in point. For years, according to the Gaelic Society of London, there has been a crying need for facilities for social intercourse among London Highlanders, and steps have now been initiated for supplying that need. A Highlanders' Club has been formed by the Gaelic Society, and premises secured adjoining the Marylebone Presbyterian Church.

PETT RIDGE COMPLETES THE SCOT.

In his book, "A Story Teller Forty Years in London," Mr. W. Pett Ridge, the well-known novelist pays a high tribute to Scottish audiences, illustrating their generosity and attention. Greatly interested in work for the betterment of the children in the Metropolis, he lectured in different parts of the country to earn money for the Babies' Homes. Speaking of his experiences, he says, "It is worth mentioning that only in Scotland did members of the audience occasionally come up after the lecture and hand me notes to be added to the fee paid by the society. And in Scotland you find the most attentive people to face the platform. They miss nothing. If cricket ever gets a hold north of the Border the teams ought to provide some remarkably smart wicket-keepers." This from such a typical Englishman and Londoner is surely high praise—somewhat different from the worn-out libel of "Bang goes a sixpence."

LORD DEWAR AND RUBBER.

Lord Dewar, who was one of the speakers at the dinner of the Cycle and Motor Trades, claimed to belong to an allied industry. He was a rubber planter in the dark continent of Africa. The nearest thing to being a philanthropist to-day was to own a rubber estate. He was anxious to adopt the name philanthropist. Some said the definition of it was the man who gave a small proportion of the money publicly from the large amount he had robbed from the people privately—and contrived to be caught in the act.

VISCOUNT HALDANE.

Viscount Haldane, who spoke in Edinburgh the other night, has lost much of his former sparkle, and is beginning to show signs of age. He is in his 87th year. But there is no reason why he should feel particularly old, because his mother is still alive. He gave one good reminiscence, however. He recalled the first time he was appointed Secretary of State in 1905. Having received the customary Seal of Office from the Sovereign, he left the Palace, but the fog was so thick that he lost his way, and arrived at the War Office in an exhausted condition. The Permanent Under Secretary took charge of the Seal and asked what orders. Having requested a glass of water, a stalwart Guardsman was summoned and told "The Secretary of State would like a glass of water." "Irish or Scotch?" queried the Guardsman.

THERE'S MANY A SLIP.

At a small country hotel I took part in a little incident which may be interesting to both sides of the liquor question. While I was at tea a pale, clerical-looking man came into the room, and sat down heavily as if exhausted. He explained that he had had a very long walk, and asked leave to remove his boots as his feet were "fired." This I readily gave, and he joined me at table. When finished with a substantial tea, he rang the bell, and, to my astonishment, ordered two glasses of whisky. As we had had some interesting talk about the scenery around, I fully expected he was intending to offer to treat me. However, he proceeded to pour a glassful into each of his boots, laced them, lifted his stick, and, bidding me Good-day, walked out of the place.

Speaking at a meeting organised by the Mayor of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu gave details of the £15,000,000 London to Manchester road scheme, for which surveys and plans are all complete. They were only awaiting Government sanction. He recalled that 1,500,000 driving licences had been issued, and that over 1,000,000 vehicles were registered to run on the roads.

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(OPPOSITE WISEMAN'S).

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY. NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR APPOINTED.

The Court of the Hongkong University, at a meeting on Monday, appointed Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction in Bengal, as Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong University, in succession to Sir William Bunyate, K.C.M.G. The new Vice-Chancellor is expected to arrive in the Colony in February.

The new Vice-Chancellor is a son of the late Mr. Robert Hornell, Barrister-at-Law of the Inner Temple, and a brother of Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, Secretary of the China Sugar Refinery Company (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.), Hongkong. Born in September, 1878, the new Vice-Chancellor was educated at Radley and Trinity College, Oxford. In 1901 he received his first appointment, in the Indian Educational Service, his career in that Service being: Professor of English, Presidency College, Calcutta, 1902; Inspector of European Schools, Bengal, 1903; and Assistant Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, 1904. In 1908, Mr. Hornell resigned from the Service and joined the Board of Education, Whitehall, serving under Mr. Augustine Birrell as Assistant Director of Special Enquiries and Reports until 1910, and in 1911 being appointed as Secretary of the Imperial Education Conference. In 1913, Mr. Hornell rejoined the Indian Educational Service as Director of Public Instruction, which post he resigns to come to Hongkong. He was decorated with a Commander'ship of the most Eminent order of the Indian Empire in 1918.

POPPY DAY.

RESULTS OF THE APPEAL IN HONGKONG.

We have received a copy of the audited balance sheet of the collection on November 10th in aid of Earl Haig's Fund, which shows that as a result of the Appeal the sum of £1,006.0.4 was telegraphed to Earl Haig's Fund on 29th ult. The gross receipts amounted to \$9,025.22, and, after deduction of expenses (\$318.54), the balance of \$8,706.68 was remitted at exchange 2s. 3d.

The Sub-Committee wish to express their indebtedness to the large number of people who assisted in various ways to make the Appeal a success, especially to the ladies who helped in collecting, organising districts, at the depot and in the preliminary work, and to a number of well-wishers who donated sums of \$500 (1), \$200 (2), \$100 (4) and several smaller amounts whose support made the above result possible.

AN UNCONFIRMED RUMOUR. BRITISH RIVER GUNBOAT SAID TO HAVE BEEN PIRATED.

A strange rumour was current in Hongkong yesterday morning to the effect that the British river gunboat *Robin* had been pirated up the West River. A call on the Naval Authorities yesterday afternoon produced the following information:—H.M.S. *Robin* is not fitted with wireless and as no news has been received about her for some days from her station up the river the Naval Authorities can only presume that she is all right.

H.M.S. *Robin* is under the command of Lieut. Commander John M. Heath.

DANES COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

ALLEGED POSSESSION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

Three young Danish seamen named Ole Polson, Sigurd Peter Thorsen and George Holte of the motor-ship *Malaya*, were yesterday afternoon committed for trial at the Supreme Court by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, for unlawfully having in their possession a number of automatic pistols and some hundreds of rounds of ammunition.

The contraband was found by Sergeant Carey of the Water Police in the cabins occupied by the three men.

ALLEGED HIGHWAY ROBBER CAUGHT.

A P.W.D. coolie was held up near No. 3 railway bridge at 4.40 p.m. on Monday by two men armed with revolvers and robbed of \$8 in cash. An Indian and a Chinese constable together with the victim, gave chase to two men who were later seen in the vicinity. One of the two men was caught near the Chatham Road bridge and he is alleged to be one of the robbers.

PORTUGUESE BANK CLERK'S BODY FOUND.

RECOVERED FROM THE HARBOUR.

A body was recovered from the harbour yesterday and identified as that of Mr. J. F. dos Santos, a Portuguese bank clerk, employed at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Mr. Santos has been missing from his home at No. 102, Praya East, since last Friday. On that day he was working late at the bank, but was known to have left there at 2.30 for home. As he did not put in an appearance, his wife and children became anxious for him and the police were informed.

Death was due to drowning, there being no marks of violence or other suspicious circumstances.

ALLEGED CLEVER SWINDLE

HONGKONG EUROPEAN SOUGHT BY THE POLICE.

The police are at present investigating the circumstances surrounding the strange disappearance from Hongkong of a European named Charles Gardner, who is wanted by them to explain away certain banking transactions in connection with his firm, the International Trading Company, situated above the Bank of Canton. Mr. Gardner has not been at his office since the week-end. The anxiety of certain creditors on the firm is enhanced by the fact that two cheques, signed by Gardner in favour of a consignment of rice and pea-nut oil have been dishonoured. The cheques are for large amounts.

THE SMALL POX EPIDEMIC

The Medical Officer of Health's return for last week shows 115 cases of small-pox and 110 deaths from the disease. All were Chinese but two (one Japanese and one Indian).

The daily return for Monday recorded 30 additional cases.

COMPANY REPORT.

CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd., will be held in London on the 10th December, 1923, when the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1923, will be submitted.

EXTRACT FROM DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The net result of the year's transactions shows a balance to the credit of Profit and Loss Account of £134,100 made up as follows:—

Proportion of Kailan Mining Administration's Profits plus China Interest	£422,102
Interest in Europe	5,044
Agency Fees	6,000
Sundry Receipts	1,143
Balance brought forward	5,915
	£439,204

DEBIT.

Expenses in Europe	£ 15,763
Cost of New Coupons and Shares Warrants	3,412
Directors' Fees	4,200
Exchange	12,444
Income Tax	140,114
Corporation Profits Tax	24,100
Interim Dividend paid 30/5/1923	105,000
	305,938

Leaving a net balance of £134,100

which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:—

Final Dividend 8½ per cent. (free of Income Tax)	£110,000
Directors' Percentage	4,662
Balance carried forward	10,537
	£125,200

SPORT.

GOLF.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The Captain's Cup Competition, played at Fanling on December 1st, 2nd and 3rd was won by Mr. E. C. Wrey, 24-20-74.

JASPAIR CLARK CUP.

The result of the Jasper Clark Cup Competition, played at Fanling on December 2nd was as follows:—

Major H. G. Gandy	40, 38, 41, 41-164
Colonel B. A. Hill	41, 40, 39, 41-160
G. Murray	42, 44, 37, 44-163
R. M. Smith	40, 43, 41, 30-160
R. A. Canidge	47, 39, 41, 34-171
W. Galloway	39, 41, 44, 40-173
H. R. Buckland	45, 48, 40, 41-174

THE "ALL STAR" FOOTBALL MATCH.

A WORTHY OBJECT ATTAINED.

There certainly was a large crowd at the commencement of the charity football match on the Club Ground yesterday afternoon between Taikoo's "all star" football team and a team selected from the crew of the *Empress of Australia*, at present in dock, but there was a noticeable shrinkage in the gathering ere the finish. Many went there anticipating a really first-class game and not a match which was intended as a "bit of fun" right from the moment the "great idea" was mooted at Taikoo. But to those in the "swim" the match created many hearty laughs as it was quite obvious to one and all that some of them were "footballers when Waterloo was fought" as a comedian aptly put it at the concert held at the Taikoo Club last night. However, even if the match did not provide a thrilling exhibition of brilliant and scintillating "soccer" it at least served a useful purpose in that the funds of Quarry Bay Section of the Ministering Children's League were swelled by some \$113 odd, as the result of collections of the match, and for that reason alone, it for no other, the names of the Taikoo team are worthy of mention.

The Taikoo team—S. Hooper, Wallace and Whyte; Grey, Moore, and Gerard; Bell, Ferguson, Duncan, Ashcroft and Angus. The referee for this arduous game was Mr. J. C. Fletcher of Queen's College, whilst Mr. P. W. Ramsay, of Taikoo and Mr. D. Smith, Chief Engineer of the *Empress of Australia* were the line-men. In all reports of football matches it is usual to quote the scores, and perhaps it would be better to do so in this case. There seems to be some doubt about the actual figures but there is no doubt that Taikoo won. The Taikoo men claim that they scored four goals and at the same time they reluctantly admit that two goals were scored against them.

In the evening, as already stated, a concert to celebrate the match was held at the Taikoo Club which was largely attended. Mr. E. E. Greig presided and the artists were: Mrs. G. McLeod, Mrs. Duncan, Miss L. Scott, Messrs. J. Whyte, Williams, Labrum, Bayford, Gibbison, Skinner, Mortimer. All the items were greatly appreciated and at the conclusion of the concert programme dancing was indulged in, the music being supplied by Mr. Donnithorne's orchestra from Kowloon.

COTTON INDUSTRY DAMAGE IN JAPAN.

The Acting Commercial Secretary, British Embassy, Tokyo, has sent home estimates of damage done by earthquake and fire to the Japanese cotton industry. It appears that some 970,000 spindles out of 4,338,000 were put out of action. Of these about 239,000 were entirely destroyed, 300,000 crumbled and the remainder partly damaged. More than half the spindles destroyed, crumbled and partly damaged were for counts between 30's and 42's. Approximately twenty per cent. of the spindles in the country were affected by the disaster. The damage to weaving machines is not great, apart from 300 looms belonging to one company. The larger proportion of the spinning mills destroyed were engaged upon the finer counts, and consumed a comparatively large amount of American cotton. Some 50,000 bales of raw cotton are stated to have been destroyed, of which 20,000 bales were at Yokohama and 15,000 at Fukuoka.

CHINESE FINANCE.

"FRAMING A CONCRETE PLAN."

The Chinese Legation has received information from Peking with regard to the Financial Commission as follows:—Dr. W. W. Yen, the Chairman of the Commission, has called several preliminary meetings to survey the financial situation of the whole country. The result so far can be seen that the country is still solvent, and the Budget is expected to be balanced when the reconsideration of the financial system is put in practice. They are now finding the formulae and framing a concrete plan for the reconsideration of finance, and this will be completed in a period of six months. Dr. Wellington Koo, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chang Hu, Minister of Finance, Mr. Wu Yok-Lin, Minister of Communications, and several representatives of the Chinese Bankers' Association, are the most important figures among the members of the Commission; Mr. Bowra, Acting Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, Sir Ernest Wilton, Associate Inspector-General of the Salt Gabelle, and four foreign bankers in Peking are honorary members of the Commission. There is a certain air of optimism about this commission, and we are bid to await the result of the investigation, which will be in six months' time. The effect here has probably been to hearten the holders of Chinese securities other than those whose obligations are provided for by the Maritime Customs and Salt Administration collections. *China Express* (London).

EARLY CHINESE MEDICINE. METHODS CENTURIES PAST.

Before the Royal Society of Medicine, Wimpole Street, W., on October 20th, Dr. Reece presiding, Dr. W. Percival Yetts, of the Ministry of Health, gave a most interesting paper on "Pestilence and Leechcraft in Ancient China." The lecture was illustrated by a number of lantern slides.

Dr. Yetts said the beginnings of Chinese medicine went back beyond authentic history. The literature of the subject is being permeated with myth and legend. His survey began some 5,000 years ago and ended at the third century of our era. The earliest mythical rulers of China figured in popular esteem as the culture-heroes of the race. As the first of these, the legendary Emperor Fu Hsi took his place as one of the patron saints of medicine. His successor, Shen Nung, was more closely associated with the beginnings of the art of healing, and investigated the medicinal properties of plants. The third was the Yellow Emperor, most of the fundamental achievements of civilised man, which are not attributed to the other two, being assigned to him. Probably the oldest medical treatise extant was one connected with him, as its title, *T'ung Ts'ui ching*, denoted. From the fabulous reigns of Fu Hsi, Shen Nung and the Yellow Emperor there were some 15 centuries before historical times were reached. At the end of the twelfth century B.C., the dual house of Chou rose to imperial dignity. It marked the beginning of a wonderful code regulating the machinery of government, which still existed under the title of "The Chou Ritual."

A MINISTRY OF HEALTH.
It contained a detailed account of the State Medical Service, comprising five departments, under the control of the Prime Minister or "Officer of Heaven." The first of these might be termed the Ministry of Health, presided over by a Chief Medical Officer, whose staff numbered thirty. His functions were to supervise medical practice and pharmacy throughout the State, and himself to treat the Emperor and high officials. Then there was a department, with a personnel of eight, charged with treating the maladies of the common people, and another was that concerned with diseases, ulcers and other septic conditions. The fourth department was a small but important one, composed of two medical officers charged with supervision of the imperial dietary. Last was the Veterinary Department, chiefly of interest because its members are recorded to have practised surgery to the extent of opening abscesses. The organisation belonged only to one of the many States composing China in those days. Hence many of them probably had medical services imitating that of the Chou, and a guess might be made that the personnel of the official medical services of ancient China in proportion to the population far outnumbered the medical staffs of our Local Government Board or Ministry of Health. There was little doubt that the healing art was learnt by apprenticeship and by the acquisition of approved prescriptions—methods of obtaining proficiency generally recognised in China up to the present day.

ANÆSTHETICS AND OPERATIONS.
Speaking of individual physicians, the speaker said Pien Chiao was said to have used an anæsthetic. This was several centuries B.C. Some seven-and-a-half centuries passed before another physician, equal in eminence, arose in China, in Hua To. There was a circumstantial account in the dynastic annals of his time describing his use of an anæsthetic in surgical operations, and there seemed no reason to doubt its trustworthiness. Probably hemp was the drug. The Chinese sciences of anatomy and physiology were not based on actual and accurate observations, but owed their existence chiefly to the ingenuity and imagination of theorists. Of diagnosis it might be said that physical examination beyond that of the pulse had seldom been carried out. The forms of medical treatment employed in ancient times were drugs, diet, acupuncture and physical exercises. For the great bulk of the medical profession surgical treatment ended with acupuncture, to which an extensive literature was devoted. The origin of physical exercises had been traced to the legendary Emperor Yu. The traditions of leechcraft had been handed down without interruption from the earliest times.

VALUE OF ACUPUNCTURE.
Mr. Chao-Hsin Chu, Chinese Chargé d'Affaires in London, in opening the discussion which followed, said he had been most interested in what he had heard. The methods used by Chinese doctors had been used for thousands of years, and there must be some good in them which made them worthy of study. Chinese medicine was mainly made up of herbs, and the discoveries which had been made in this connection through the centuries should be made known to the Western world. With regard to acupuncture, which Dr. Yetts had mentioned, it was used extensively in China, and he himself had been cured of illness by that means. The method of diagnosis by the pulse was also still practised. From personal experience, he had very great confidence in Chinese doctors, and he wholeheartedly approved of what the lecturer had said, and would recommend Western doctors to take an interest in the medical development of China.

Sir E. Denison Ross, C.I.E., also took part in the discussion, and expressed the hope that the paper would induce medical men to take up the study of the Chinese language and make researches into the medical methods of China together. He had no doubt that behind much that seemed primitive the Chinese had medical knowledge of real value, which was worthy of study. One of the doctors who spoke said that whilst in China he had practised acupuncture upon a patient with an enlarged liver with satisfactory results. This was at the patient's request.

Dr. Yetts was thanked by the Chairman for his care in preparing his paper.

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BRITISH GENERAL ELECTION
"FEELINGS RUNNING HIGH."

LONDON, December 3rd.

The closing stages of the election campaign are fast and furious. Feelings are running high. Several candidates, including Lady Terrington and Sir George Norris, issued writs for alleged libel, one against a newspaper, the other against the chairman of the local Conservative association.

Rowdism, continues. It was rumoured that at Glasgow some candidates are retaining the services of pugilists as bodyguards. Mr. Hogbin, in North Battersea, has been placed under police protection, consequent on threats upon his life by gunmen.

LLOYDS QUOTATIONS.

Forecasts of the final results vary. Lloyds yesterday quoted five guineas per cent. against the victory of the Labour Party; fifty against a Liberal majority; and eighty-five against a Conservative Government with a working majority.

CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATES
STONED.

The Marquis of Hartington, a Conservative candidate who was in a motor-car along with Colonel Spender Clay, Conservative candidate for Tonbridge, was leaving a meeting last night when the car was stoned and the windows smashed.

Colonel Spender Clay was severely wounded in the hand.

DEATH OF A LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

LONDON, December 3rd.

Mr. O. F. White, Liberal Candidate for Western Derbyshire, died this morning.

EARLIER CABLES.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S OPTIMISM.

LONDON, December 3rd.

In the course of a speech at Cambridge railway station while en route to Norwich, Mr. Lloyd George declared that, whatever the result of the elections Liberalism would win such a triumph as had not been won for many a day.

ROWDIES DISTURB MR. CHURCHILL'S MEETING.

There were remarkable scenes at a meeting addressed by Mr. Winston Churchill at Finsbury Park Empire Theatre this afternoon.

A crowd of rowdies tried to prevent him speaking, and their "boos" competed with the cheers of his supporters for several minutes. Eventually, Mr. Churchill obtained a hearing, but he was constantly interrupted. Mr. Churchill rebuked his interrupters by declaring that they were striking at the foundation of democracy.

A reference by Mr. Churchill to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald evoked opposition cheers and cries of "Good old Mac" and "Up, Rebels!"

LATER.

Mr. Churchill's London tour continues to be characterised by lively heckling, especially on the subject of the Dardanelles, but the speaker's neat sallies triumphed at Shepherd's Bush and Walthamstow, notably at the latter, where the audience threatened to eject the interrupters.

LABOUR'S CAPITAL LEVY.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, speaking at Aberdeen, denied that his willingness to leave the working out of the capital levy to Treasury officials was a weakening of his opinion. He pointed out that the Manchester Liberal Conference approved the principle of the levy in 1919.

PRIME MINISTER'S FINAL
SPEECH.

Mr. Baldwin, in the course of the final speech in his national campaign, at Liverpool, where he received an enthusiastic reception, stated that the real fight in the elections is between Liberals and Labour.

The Prime Minister said he felt convinced that if the Labour party did not exist, the majority of Labour voters would rather vote for a change in the fiscal policy than for a "wait and see" policy. "If I get a mandate from the country, I mean to carry it out to the full."

Mr. Baldwin is speaking to an audience of 8,000 to-night at Derby, and Lord Birkhead is addressing a great meeting in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, while Mr. Lloyd George is making a raid on East Anglia, where the Liberals hope to win some of the agricultural seats from the Conservatives.

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LATEST CABLES.

FAMOUS NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR
RESIGNING.

Sir E. H. Tennyson-d'Eyncourt, K.C.B., F.R.S., D.Sc., retires from the Admiralty at the end of the year and rejoins Armstrong Whitworth's.

(Sir Tennyson-d'Eyncourt has been Director of Naval Construction at the Admiralty since 1912. He served his time at Elswick, and subsequently went to Fairfield as Naval Architect, but three or four years later returned to Elswick as Naval Architect and remained for ten years when he left to take the high office under the Admiralty that he has filled for the past eleven years.)

SMUGGLING ON U.S.-CANADIAN
BORDER.GOVERNMENTS WILL ARRANGE TO
"EXCHANGE INFORMATION."

WASHINGTON, December 3rd.

The State Department says that the United States and Canada will shortly arrange to exchange information regarding smuggling liquor from Canada to the United States and the smuggling of narcotics, silks and other merchandise into Canada.

Treaty arrangements will be necessary.

EARLIER CABLES.

DEADLOCK IN U.S. CONGRESS
OPENING PROCEEDINGS DELAYED.

WASHINGTON, November 3rd.

Congress opened at midday, and has to face an almost unparalleled situation owing to the conflicting aims of different groups. The progressive bloc, which claims to wield the balance of power, is prepared to fight determinedly for the enactment of its own programme, which includes the reorganisation of committees. Disagreements on this point may delay the opening of proceedings.

WASHINGTON, November 3rd.

In the House of Representatives the Progressive bloc will make good its threat to create a deadlock over the election of the Speaker. No candidate has received the necessary majority over all others in the first ballot.

WASHINGTON, November 3rd.

After four ballots, none of which resulted in the election of a Speaker, the House adjourned until to-morrow.

KING-ALONSO'S VISIT
TO ITALY.NOTHING MYSTERIOUS IN ITS
PURPOSE.

LONDON, December 3rd.

The Spanish Embassy in London, in view of the interpretation placed on the visit of Their Spanish Majesty, draw attention to the statement of Primo de Rivera that there is nothing mysterious in the purpose of the visit. The Spanish policy is perfectly clear. The consolidation of the Hispano-Italian bonds will develop the economic connections and influence in Latin America and will diminish the cause of Hispano-Italian competition in the Mediterranean. "We are only thinking of peaceful defence. Neither France nor Great Britain has any motives for alarm."

PARTY FORECASTS.

With the election campaign in its last stage, the party experts are indulging in forecasts, including unopposed returns, as follows:—

The Conservatives estimate 332 Conservatives, 157 Liberals, and 120 Labour and six others.

The Liberals estimate 245 Conservatives, 240 Liberals, and 120 Labour and seven others.

The Labourites estimate 310 Conservatives, 130 Liberals, 160 Labour and six others.

The wide divergence in the Conservative and Liberal estimates is due to a difference of opinion with regard to the outcome of 275 three-cornered contests.

Except among the Conservative optimists, the consensus of opinion is that there will be a Conservative majority, the only question being whether it will be sufficient to carry out the policy of Protection.

MR. ASQUITH'S CONFIDENCE.

Mr. Asquith, in the course of a speech at the Glasgow Liberal Club, denounced the election rowdism. He said he felt sure that it was repugnant to the Labour leaders. While he would not hazard any conjecture with regard to the precise composition of the new House of Commons he felt reasonably confident that Mr. Baldwin would not get a majority adequate to de throne free trade in Great Britain. (Cheers.)

All the parties during the next three days will strive to win a slight advantage, which may mean "no deal." The centre of gravity remains in the industrial North, particularly Lancashire, where the Unionists are intensifying their efforts.

TRUSTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.

LONDON, November 3rd.

The Cabinet members, Sir Samuel Hoare and Sir P. Lloyd Gream, speaking at Chelsea and Hull respectively, stated that the Government had decided that if combines were formed as a result of the tariff, they would remove the tariff and proceed against such trusts.

SHEFFIELD COAL-MINE
DISASTER.SEVEN KILLED; THIRTY SIX
INJURED.

LONDON, December 3rd.

It is reported that forty men have been killed in the Nunnery colliery, at Sheffield. Tubs containing 178 men were hurled to the bottom of the pit-shaft owing to a rope breaking. Ambulances and doctors have been rushed to the pithead, where there is a large crowd. Hitherto two men have been rescued, seriously injured.

A train of twenty to thirty tubs, each containing about four men, was being drawn up the inclined road conveying the men from the pit bottom to work when the rope snapped, and the train dashed back at terrific speed for several hundred yards. The men had no chance to jump clear, and tubs and passengers were hurled together with terrific force. Six bodies have hitherto been brought up, some unrecognisable. A dozen men have been sent to hospital.

LATER.

The Nunnery disaster is less serious than was previously anticipated. Rescue work has been completed, and all the bodies have been recovered except two, which are literally cut in half. The final list of casualties gives seven killed and 36 injured.

SENTENCE REMITTED.

NEW-YORK FINANCIAL COMPTROLLER
GRANTED "EXECUTIVE
CLEMENCY."

WASHINGTON, December 3rd.

President Coolidge has granted "executive clemency" to Comptroller Craig, the chief financial officer of New York City, who was sentenced to two months' imprisonment for contempt of court. A remission of the sentence has been granted on the recommendation of the Secretary for Justice. The President said the decision was solely due to the public necessity of keeping Mr. Craig in his post as comptroller. He condemned the Comptroller's conduct in criticising the Federal Courts of New York. The President's action has removed what promised to develop into a national political issue. Certain political leaders of both parties had sharply criticised the sentence. The sentence passed on Mr. Craig, who refused to recant his statements, made four years ago, reflecting on Judge Mayer's handling of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit receivership, which Mr. Craig alleged was seriously prejudicial to the city's interest.

INTER-VARSITY SPORTS.

OXFORD DEFEAT CAMBRIDGE BY
FOUR EVENTS TO ONE.

LONDON, December 3rd.

In the Inter-Varsity relay races at Oxford, Cambridge were beaten by Oxford by four events to one.

The track was in bad condition, but the Oxonians, who included five Americans, ran brilliantly. They won the half mile in 1.31 and one fifth, an Inter-Varsity record, the mile in 3.27 and one fifth, another Inter Varsity record, the four miles in 18.44 and four fifths, and the 480 yds. hurdles in 1.7 and two fifths. Cambridge won the two miles in 8.6 and two fifths.

THE INDIAN FRONTIER
OUTRAGE.CAR FIRED ON WHILE ENTERING
PASS.

DELHI, December 3rd.

Particulars of the murder of Major H.E. Finnis show that he was motoring towards Manikwa to attend a meeting and owing to a mistake the Zibb levy corps was not ordered to guard the dangerous spots in the Resuband Pass, where several tribal limits meet. The car was fired on as it entered the pass, and Major Finnis and the driver were instantaneously shot.

MOTOR-CAR ACCIDENTS.

OVER ELEVEN THOUSAND DEATHS
IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, December 3rd.

There were 11,098 deaths from motor-car accidents in the United States last year, an increase of 1,498 compared with the previous year.

Los Angeles had the highest death rate, 29 decimal 5, and New York's was 15 decimal 3.

U.S. OFFICIAL CHARGED.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 3rd.

Governor McCray has been served with warrants for his appearance to answer eight indictments for forgery and embezzlement. His friends have furnished twenty-five thousand dollars bail.

OUTRAGE.

LONDON, December 3rd.

A septuagenarian farmer named Brennan was shot dead and his nephew dangerously wounded during an affray at Grango, Co. Sligo. A number of arrests have been made.

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THE POWERS' INTIMATION TO
SUN YAT SEN.HANDS OFF MARITIME CUSTOMS
REVENUES.

PEKING, December 4th.

Following Sun Yat Sen's threat some weeks ago, the Diplomatic Body has caused an unofficial intimation to be conveyed to him that the Powers will not permit any interference on his part with the Kwangtung revenues from the Maritime Customs.

It will be remembered that, in 1919-1920 the question arose of returning the Kwangtung portion of the customs revenues, based on thirteen-sevenths the percentage of accumulated surplus. The state of warfare between Peking and Canton had then ceased. All foreign obligations having been fully met, it was held to be a matter for arrangement between the Central Government and Kwangtung. The surplus in those years was large, owing to the price of silver, but it was only out of the actual surplus that the allocation was made. One of the arguments used then was that such an allocation would aid in bringing about reunification. Time is held to have taken the force out of that argument.

The situation is firm and clear and Sun Yat Sen will be faced with a serious situation if he attempts to carry out his threat.

HIGH-POWER WIRELESS STATION
AT PEKING.ANNOUNCEMENT BY MANAGING-
DIRECTOR OF MARCONI'S.

LONDON, December 3rd.

At a meeting of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd., Mr. Godfrey C. Isaacs (Managing Director) referring to the high-power station at Peking, announced that, consistently with what had been agreed on at the Washington Conference, the company had invited the Chinese Government to join them in this Chinese enterprise. The companies had agreed, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made and the adjustment of details.

Mr. Isaacs stated, the company was confident that it would soon be able to announce the completion of the agreement with the Post Office with regard to Imperial wireless.

P. AND O. ANNUAL REPORT.
THE DIVIDEND.

LONDON, December 3rd.

The annual report of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company shows that after providing for depreciation and adding £103,000 to the Insurance Fund, making it £2,200,000, there is a credit balance of £817,000 on the year's accounts, including £101,000 brought forward. A dividend of five per cent. is declared on the preferred shares and twelve per cent. on the deferred, tax free. A sum of £123,000 is placed to reserve for the redemption of the 5½ per cent. debentures, £10,000 is added to the provision fund, and £101,000 is carried forward.

The report mentions that Messrs. Harland and Wolff and Hawthorn and Leslie are building four fast steamers, each of sixteen thousand tons, specially for the Indian mail service.

(Six per cent. on the deferred shares was paid as an interim dividend in May. The distribution on deferred stock is the same as that paid for the two preceding years.)

U.S. AERIAL EXPEDITION TO
NORTH POLE.

WASHINGTON, December 3rd.

The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Denby, has announced that definite plans have been drawn up for a naval aerial expedition to the North Pole next summer.

LATEST CABLES.

AMERICA'S HUGE DIRIGIBLE MAY
BE USED.

WASHINGTON, December 3rd.

The Board of Officers who will study the problems of the Polar expedition will meet immediately. It had not yet been decided whether the great rigid dirigible "Shenandoah" will be used, or heavier than air craft, or both. The route and date of departure have not yet been determined.

AMERICA "READY TO HELP."
ATTITUDE TO WORLD PROBLEMS.

The Prime Minister was among those present at the Pilgrims' farewell dinner to the American Ambassador, held at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland-avenue, on October 23rd. Lord Desborough, chairman to the Executive Committee of the Pilgrims, presided.

TWO OUTSTANDING EVENTS.

Mr. Baldwin, in proposing the toast of "The American Ambassador" said:

"I do not think anything strikes an Englishman more than this—and we feel it when we look down the list of Ministers and Ambassadors from America—that America has always sent to us of her best. (Cheers.) We have learnt to look to America for men of exceptional qualities and we have never been disappointed. (Cheers.) Mr. Harvey, the last name on that list of distinguished men, has been among us for only about two and a half years, but during that time it has fallen to his lot to be associated with two events—the Washington Conference and the settlement of the American debt by England—that, I think, will leave a mark behind. (Cheers.)"

MR. HARVEY'S REPLY.

The American Ambassador, in reply, recalled his first speech to the Pilgrims two and a half years ago and said that since that evening much water had splashed over the dam, and, in the mutual interest of their two countries at least, he was happy to believe, much good had been accomplished. (Cheers.)

"We can most easily reckon [he continued] the approximate total by visualizing conditions as they would appear to-day if no changes had transpired in the meantime. Suppose, for example, that in addition to the troubles now besetting there hovered above us the clouds of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, which, having served its original purpose, had become an actual menace to the peace of three great nations; of the constant and ever increasing peril of possible, even though accidental clashes on the Pacific Ocean; of the multiplying, from necessity of self-protection, of naval armaments to a degree never before imagined; of growing distrust, rapidly approaching resentment, concerning the financial relationship of Great Britain and the United States; and finally, perhaps most disheartening of all, the seemingly unending, centuries-old problem in Ireland, whose satisfactory solution had become absolutely essential to faith and friendship between England and America. How vastly more desperate, if not indeed positively hopeless, would be the outlook here in your country, there in mine, and everywhere throughout the world, if those portents of disaster of only three years ago still blurred the skies of to-day. Happily, however, that is not the case."

These things did not merely happen. They were done by men. And out of the doing sprang perhaps the greatest of blessings in the establishment of a faithful relationship between all English-speaking peoples such as has not existed in many years more than a century. I doubt if anyone here fully comprehends the magnitude of the change in the attitude of the people of my country towards the people of yours that has taken place in the past few years. I confess that I did not until I went home last summer. But then from all sections and all sources there poured in upon me evidences that constituted a veritable revelation.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

Mr. Harvey said that the United States had a national policy with respect to foreign relations, a distinct and clearly defined policy, from which there had been no deviation in a century of time. It was promulgated just one hundred years ago, came December 2nd when the event would be duly celebrated throughout the length and breadth of the United States. It was a national policy. It was an American principle. They were accustomed to refer to it as a doctrine—the Monroe Doctrine; it was really a dictum, the only dictum ever declared by a President of the United States without legislative sanction, which possessed the full authority of fundamental and international law. The Constitution was the chart, and the dictum was the compass of their Declaration of Independence. The three comprised a matchless whole in the development of modern civilization resembling the trilogies of antiquity.

The Monroe doctrine comprised two distinct pledges, of which each was the essential corollary of the other. A century ago, and for long thereafter, probable encroachment by Europe was a menace to America; the United States, with a total population of barely ten millions, boldly forbade it. To-day the probability of interference had ceased to be even a possibility, in the face of an invincible hundred millions. But the United States had not changed. They kept their promises. They would not impose their will upon Europe, or upon any part of Europe. And they would not now ever hereafter "participate in the political trials of Europe." Let that be understood. The Monroe Doctrine was no less sacred in their eyes now when they were rich and powerful than when they were poor and weak. It continued to be, in all its phases, the cornerstone of their national policy, and must be recognized and accepted as such in all international transactions.

Was it a harsh doctrine? Was it narrow, ungenerous, or mean? As one weighed in the balance the considerations which seemed to be actuating European Powers, the position of the United States, in a relative sense, any rate, could hardly be pronounced indefensible. But ignore all that. Wholly disregard the irrefutable fact that billions

of their money, borrowed by their Government and then loaned by their Government, were still being used to maintain greater armies than ever before existed, for purposes surely of no concern to the United States—what then? Had the United States not at least tried to help to win the peace, as the rather absurd popular phrase ran, as once upon a time they tried to help to win the war? He thought so.

A year ago (Mr. Harvey went on) it was an apparently universal opinion in Europe that the crux of a settlement lay in determination of "the amount of reparations that Germany could really pay, but that the sum could not be fixed because of contentions of interest, d parties. Only an unbiased and unconcerned, yet competent, authority could ascertain and certify to common satisfaction the producible and collectable compensation. The United States filled the bill. The United States was disinterested, because the United States had waived all reparation claims upon Germany for the joint account of the Allies. Clearly, a moral obligation rested upon the United States to act. Such was the opinion, such the judgment, put upon us from all, or nearly all, quarters of the globe.

With what result? Very reluctantly, eleven months ago, Secretary Hughes went as far as diplomatic usage permits, and, without even requiring a formal request from any Power, offered to provide American adjudication. If you know the United States as I know it, you would realize that that was a somewhat brave thing to do. Well, Mr. Hughes did it; he did it publicly; America came to the door of Europe, and lo and behold, the door was closed. The United States was not wanted. What could the United States do? What could any self-respecting nation have done? The United States went home.

AMERICA WILLING TO "COME IN."

Conditions on the Continent have changed somewhat during the eleven months that have elapsed, but there is no material difference in the fundamental situation. The need of a financial plan to prevent economic disaster in Europe is obviously no less imperative, and it is quite within the range of possibility that the preparation of such a plan has been rendered more feasible by the abandonment of resistance by the Government. If so, while Secretary Hughes gave no option in perpetuity, and could hardly renew his proffer without seeming to be intrusive, there need be no question of my Government's entire willingness to take part in such an economic conference as he originally suggested, if requested to do so by all of the Allies chiefly concerned in German reparations. That is to say, in few words, that under President Coolidge, as under President Harding, the United States stands quite ready to help in any practicable way to promote reconstruction, throughout the world. We are willing to "come in," as the saying is, as soon as we are asked, but surely we cannot be expected to smash in the door. No; the Monroe Doctrine forbids.

AUSTRALIAN DEBT TO BRITAIN.

Mr. Bruce, Prime Minister of Australia, in proposing "The Chairman," said that Australia was a young nation, and perhaps foreign policy did not altogether come within the ambit of her present activity, but if she had foreign policy, it was the policy represented by the Pilgrims—that of an ever closer association between the great English-speaking nations of the world. (Cheers.) In Australia they were glad that the Washington Conference had taken place, and he thought it was the only thing that could have compensated them for having lost the alliance with their courageous and ever faithful ally Japan. (Cheers.)

The Prime Minister had referred to the American debt, and they could see from his remarks that he was proud that Britain had stood up to her obligations. In that matter the Prime Minister really got his inspiration from Australia. (Laughter and cheers.) Australia, of all the countries in the world, stepped in first; they came to Britain, for whom they had incurred debt, and they funded it and made an arrangement similar to the arrangement with America. The only real distinction was that Britain did not give them nearly as good terms as America gave to Britain. (Laughter.) Possibly that was not an inappropriate occasion for him to suggest to the British Government, on behalf of the Australian people, that Britain, having made such a satisfactory arrangement with America, would not be acting altogether ungenerously if she made the same arrangement with them. (Laughter and cheers.)

WORKSHOP TO CANON'S STALL.

The Rev. Griffith Thomas, Vicar of Morriston, and formerly Vicar of St. David's, Carmarthen, who was installed Canon of Brecon Cathedral on October 18th, started work at a carpenter's bench when he was 12 years of age. He worked as a carpenter until the day he sat for the matriculation examination at Lampeter College, where he took his bachelors of divinity after a two years' course at the top of his class. He sent in the best Greek paper in the final examination that had been written at Lampeter for years, and was complimented by the Oxford examiners.

Assessing the earthquake damage in Japan, the Swiss Bank Corporation puts it at £187,000,000, which, if added to the public debt of £283,000,000, still leaves Japan favourably placed. The monthly bulletin of the Corporation points out that up to the present the Japanese colonies have cost the State considerably more than they have brought in, and that a large amount of capital is still necessary for their development. On the other hand, they are likely to be very useful to Japan during the period of reconstruction.

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**LEAGUE OF SKILLED
HOUSECRAFT.**

Princess Beatrice was present on October 30th, at a drawing-room meeting held at 73, Eaton-square, by invitation of Mrs. J. H. Gladstone, when the certificate was presented to her by the League of Skilled Housecraft. The League was one of the agencies mentioned in the Report of the Committee on Domestic Service as likely to be able to do much to assist in raising the standard of proficiency and providing educational and recreative opportunities for these workers. It was the outcome of a conference called by the Girls' Friendly Society in 1912, at which representatives of all the organizations for the welfare of young women took part. Since then it has held examinations, of, and granted diplomas to, many of some 300 who have submitted their knowledge to practical test.

Mrs. Wood, who lately filled the chair of the committee, presided. She said the Englishman was ever the pioneer of civilization, and wherever the men went the women followed, showing the national instinct for home-making. It was a curious thing that the art of giving comfort, beauty, and happiness to the home had in recent years been discredited, but our whole social system was undergoing change, and such matters in other callings had been changed for the better between employer and employee, progress had been less marked in regard to domestic work. As their report showed, the league recognized the impossibility of applying factory conditions to the household, but it had to be remembered that there was a contract on both sides to be fulfilled. The employer had certain obligations as to hours of labour, time for recreation, and reasonable comfort; and she had much sympathy with those ready to accept all this, but had grave cause to complain of the inefficiency of the service rendered.

Miss Knight Bruce (chairman of the committee) said the report was a great encouragement to them, and strengthened their belief that they were working along sound lines. They hoped to establish junior branches after Christmas for girls of 14.

Further speeches followed from the Hon. Lady Cunliffe (president of the Girls' Friendly Society) who mentioned that they had 1,000 domestic servants on their roll, Lady Proctor, and Lady Cowan.

REJUVENATION OF WOMAN

One trembles to think of the congestion of traffic that is likely to be witnessed shortly in the vicinity of the surgery of Dr. Jaworski, who for some years past has occupied a distinguished position among the medical savants of Paris. It will be traffic entirely made up of the fair sex, for Dr. Jaworski is confident that he has made the discovery of restoring youth to woman. This will, if substantiated, surely prove to be the most epoch-making step in the history of medicine, for by comparison with the rejuvenation of woman the sink into mediocrity. The method of accomplishing this is simply transfusion of a few drops of blood of a particularly healthy and vigorous young person into the veins of the individual who is faced with the tragic imminence of summer merging into autumn. Dr. Jaworski, who, by the way, numbers Maiterlinck among his most fervent admirers, has been giving special study to this subject for some years. He commenced experimenting on animals, and great success attended his efforts, for by the introduction of younger blood he converted a failing, feeble, old creature into a playful, energetic, brought back new bark and bite to a lady-dog whose career had seemed to be approaching its end after fourteen years, and opened out a fresh, alluring vista of palpitating life to an old mare of twenty-four summers. Having satisfied himself that the theories which he has nursed for a long time are well founded—a belief in which he is supported by eminent colleagues—Dr. Jaworski has recently been endeavouring to ward off old age from women patients, and he has, he says, obtained most positive and convincing results, which he proposes shortly to report officially to the faculty. One of the difficulties that confronts him in his desire to do this is the natural objection of ladies concerned to associate themselves with affirmation of the success of the experiments. The prospect of the widespread application of this new rejuvenation treatment opens up the possibility of some rather alarming developments in the domain of feminine virility, for however reluctant woman may have been hitherto to put down her real age in official documents, it is certain that she will never tell the truth after she has been made ten years younger by Dr. Jaworski. More than ever one will be told that woman is as old as she feels.—Daily Telegraph.

THE THIN BACHELOR

Speaking at the London School of Physiology on the ill effects of obesity in modern life, on October 23rd, Dr. Ernest H. Griffin said that a man came to him recently, obviously suffering from lack of exercise, and asked him for advice as to how to reduce his bulk. The doctor replied: "I'll tell you in three words: Sell your car!" A great deal of corpulence was attributed by the lecturer to too much food and too little exercise. The value of walking as an exercise had not, he said, been appreciated sufficiently. Bachelors were usually thin, but if they married they immediately began to grow fatter—married men were better looked after. The formation of habits was another cause of corpulence; an instance was given of a man who gained two stone in eighteen months through developing the habit of taking a glass of beer every night before supper.

LADY LORD MAYOR

Miss Ethel Mary Colman, eldest surviving daughter of the late Mr. J. J. Colman, at one time member of Parliament for Norwich, has consented to accept the position of Lord Mayor of Norwich for the ensuing year.

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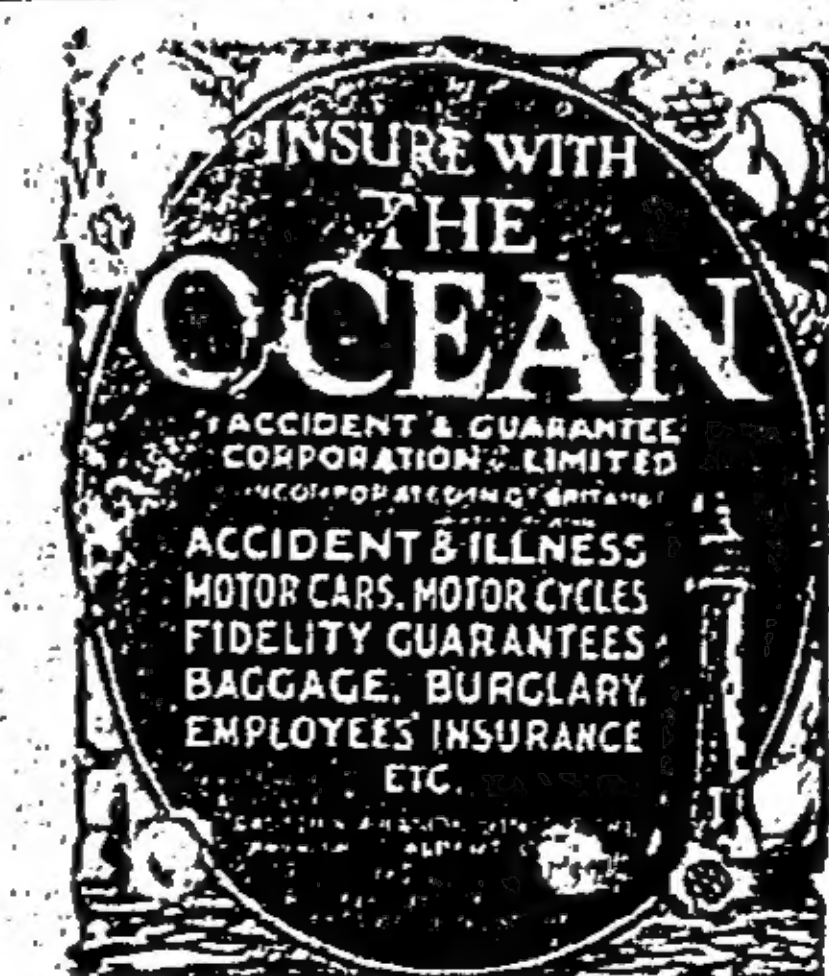
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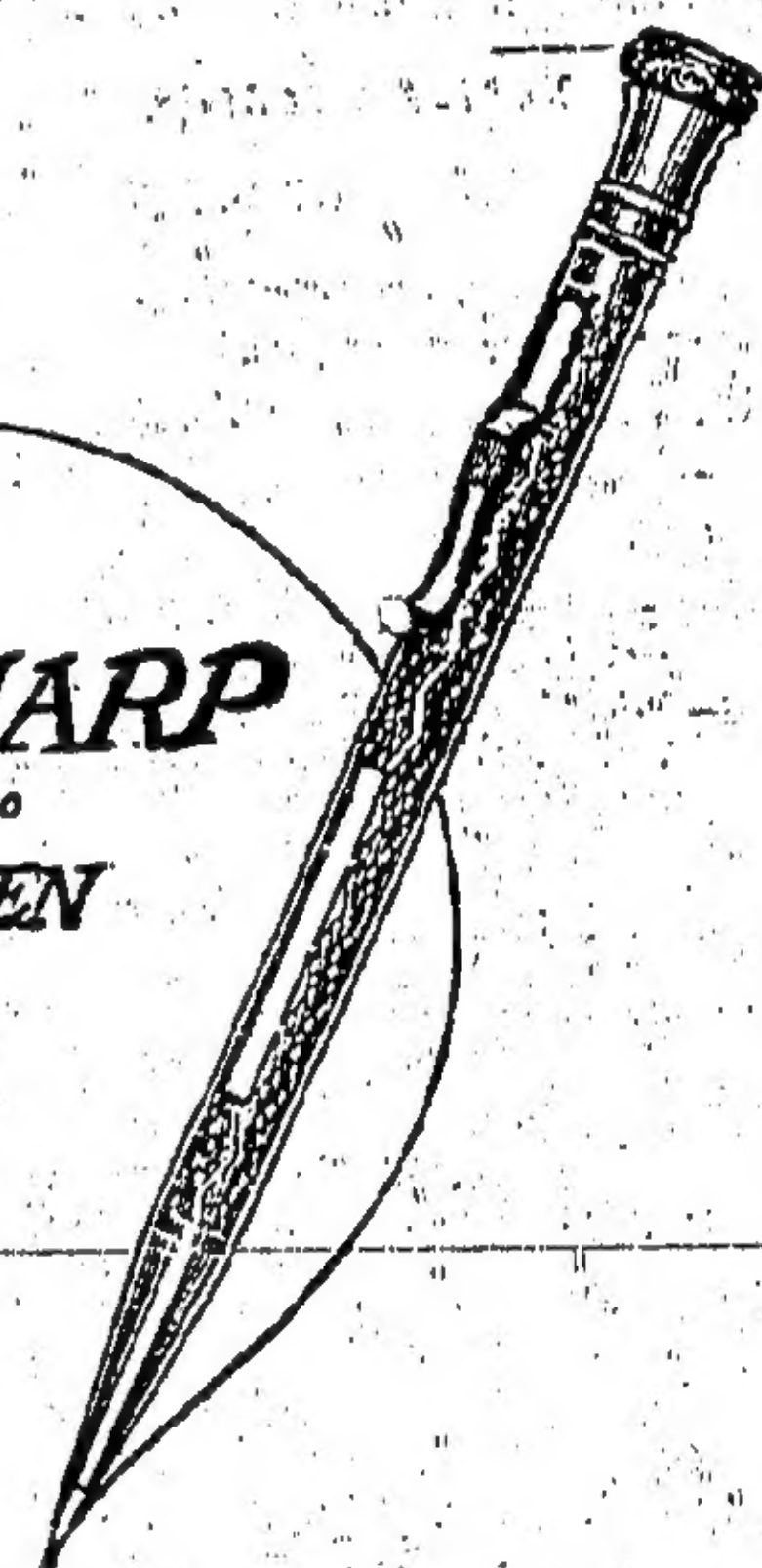
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Canton Maru, Japanese str., 1,830 tons, Capt. H. Kawakami, from Manila, lying at buoy No. 131.—Y.K.K.
Fuumei Maru, Italian str., 3,600 tons, Capt. Michel Oscar, from Kobe and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 425.—Doddwell & Co.
Hakone Maru, Japanese str., 6,000 tons, Capt. I. Sekino, from London and left Singapore, the former general cargo, on October 27th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon wharf.—N.Y.K.
Hok Canton, Chile str., 284 tons, Capt. Leung Long, from Kwangchow, with a general cargo, lying at Sanikong wharf.—Hong On & Co.
Thompson, British str., 1,088 tons, Capt. H. C. Kiddle, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with rice and pigs, lying at buoy No. 425.—Chong Yee & Co.
Sunbeam, British str., 1,993 tons, Capt. S. O. Milford, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 425.—J. M. & Co.
Sunbeam, British str., 1,504 tons, Capt. H. A. Wavell, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 425.—J. M. & Co.
Taiwan Maru, British str., 1,450 tons, Capt. H. E. Hamilton, from Sydney and Manila, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 425.—J. M. & Co.
 December 4th.
City of Karachi, British str., 3,571 tons, Capt. J. McArthur, from Kobe and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 425.—Bank Line.
Tokai Maru, Japanese str., 6,441 tons, Capt. S. Kawa, from Yokohama and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 425.—N.Y.K.
Sosha Maru, Japanese str., 1,652 tons, Capt. Y. Okura, from Tokyo and Amoy and Swatow, with sundries, lying at O.S.K. wharf.—O.S.K.
Fuatah, Chinese str., 561 tons, Capt. N. Schuchro, from Haiphong, with a general cargo and rice, lying at buoy No. 425.—Tung Wen S.S. Co.

CLEARANCES.

December 3rd.
President Taft, for Manila.
Sunbeam, for Canton.
West Town, for Los Angeles.
 December 4th.
Argon Maru, for Singapore.
Thompson, for Canton.
Chong Yee, for Canton.
City of Karachi, for Manila.
City of Karachi, for Singapore.
Eastern, for Canton.
England, for Singapore.
England, for Swatow.
Haiphong, for Swatow.
Haiphong, for Hongkong.
Hakone Maru, for Shanghai.
Hakone Maru, for Haiphong.
Manchu Maru, for Dairen.
Ponglong, for Saigon.
Seangle, for Amoy.
Taiwan, for Canton.
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PASSENGERS.

Per N.Y.K. s.s. **Hakone Maru**, on December 3rd, for Hongkong—Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Crapnell and child, Miss M. Joy, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Laine and two children, Mr. P. M. Massey, Mr. J. A. Russell, Mr. C. A. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Shearn, Miss I. V. Baker, Mr. W. Lutkin, Mr. A. N. Olfelt.

DEPARTURES.

Per Admiral Oriental liner **President Jackson**, for Manila, on December 3rd—Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Rodheaver, Mrs. P. M. Kessler, Miss Alice Kessler, Mr. J. M. Wilson, Mr. Abe Lovett, Mrs. D. W. Bedinger, Mrs. Loh R. Russel, Dr. Mary L. Mack, Mrs. P. H. Gray, Miss Evelyn Gray, Miss Almena Gray, Mr. John W. Bendow, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Winter, Mr. E. T. Maitland, Judge and Mrs. Ed. Gray, Capt. E. C. Wolfe, Mrs. A. B. Beckins, Mr. H. C. Roy, Mr. B. M. Wilkinson, Mr. A. R. Marshall, Mr. Eugene C. Pomeroy, Master E. C. Pomeroy, Miss J. Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Morris, Mr. E. W. Gould, Mr. E. M. Buckley, Mrs. E. Newell, Mr. W. E. Biederkopf, Miss Grace Saxe, Miss Frances Hay, Mrs. E. P. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. H. Connell, Mrs. A. J. Hill, Mr. Henry Mill, Mr. T. E. Lake, Mr. F. Castro, Mrs. E. Syquin, Mr. F. A. E. Boor, Mrs. W. S. Reid, Mr. R. Parsons, Mr. Mariano Yenko, Mr. Luis Quintana, Mrs. F. Lopez, Miss Elena Gotanco, Mr. H. Hussom.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. **Empress of Russia** arrived at Nagasaki on December 3rd at 5 p.m., left on December 4th at 4 a.m., and is due at Kobe to-day at 9 a.m.
 The Ben Line s.s. **Benary**, from Middleburg, Antwerp, London, and Swatow, left Manila for this port on the 4th inst., and may be expected to arrive here on or about December 7th.
 The M.M. s.s. **Paul Leat** was to sail from Haiphong at midnight yesterday, and is expected at Hongkong on the 8th inst., at daylight.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Andee Lebon (M.M.), due Dec. 20th.
Benary (Ben Line), due Dec. 7th.
City of Spokane (Admiral Oriental), due Dec. 10th.
Empress of Asia, due Dec. 18th.
Hygon (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 26th.
Lyons (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 22nd.
Lyons (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 27th.
Neclans (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 6th.
Onja (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 6th, despatched at daylight on the 7th inst.
Patroca (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 10th.
Paul Leat (M.M.), due Dec. 8th, daylight.
Paul Regadan, due Dec. 6th.
President Jackson (Admiral Oriental), due Dec. 10th.
President Jefferson (Admiral Oriental), due Dec. 12th.
Titan (Blue Funnel), due Dec. 8th.
Taiwan Maru, due Dec. 6th.

SHIPPING NOTES.

A Vladivostok correspondent of *Lloyd's List* says with the exception of the weekly mail steamer to Tsuruga, Japan, no regular boats are calling now at Vladivostok, but all the principal British, American, Dutch, French and Japanese lines are represented. There is, however, a more or less regular service to Shanghai.

The steamer **Australmont** has been sold to Japanese buyers for £25,000 and will be handed over at Yokohama, and all the crew repatriated. The vessel will be engaged carrying timber and other material necessary for reconstruction of the devastated cities. Offers are being made to the Commonwealth Line in connection with other companies, particularly the **Taiwan** and **Taiwan**. Discussion is also taking place regarding the **Australmont** and **Australmont**.

The wireless apparatus of the new P. & O. **Maclagan**, which left London on Nov. 2nd, which has been supplied by the Marconi International Communication Co., Ltd., consists of a 14-kw. quenched-park transmitter of 700 miles range, and a 14-kw. continuous-wave valve transmitter. The range is 1,500 miles, and a Marconi marine direction-finder, enables bearings to be taken of other wireless transmitting stations within one degree of accuracy. The four-electrode valve amplifying detector is used in the receiving system. The emergency transmitter, with independent power supply, has a normal range of 100 miles.

The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. have placed with Messrs. Alexander Stephen & Sons, Ltd., Lincolshire, an order for a large reciprocating engine passenger steamer. This is the third order which the P. & O. Co. have placed on the Clyde recently. The previous two were for vessels of 13,000 tons-drawweight and 11,000 h.p.; and they were placed with Messrs. Barclay, Currie & Co., Ltd., Whiteinch, early in September. There are now five P. & O. liners on hand on the Clyde, the three above referred to and also the two larger vessels. This means a good deal of work as soon as progress can be made.

GERMAN COMPETITION IN FREIGHTS.

Side by side with its programme to re-constitute its fleet by the addition of nine new vessels which were completed at the end of 1922 the Societe des Services Maritimes has followed its financial programme. The company, with its competitors, is following a policy of "holding on" in face of the low freight rates which have prevailed during the last year. The entry of German shipping into the list is menacing, as it is doubly favoured by the fact that the tonnage is to a great extent new and working costs for wages low owing to the fall of the mark. In this connection Sir Frederick Lewis, at the recent meeting of the Prince Line, called attention to Germany's remarkable progress in the reconstruction of her mercantile marine, so that with new tonnage and older vessels she has been able to collect she can now compete effectively in the freight markets of the world, which are much oversupplied with tonnage. The revenue of the German shipping companies is largely paid in foreign currencies, while the working expenses are, to a great extent, incurred in the depreciated German currency, and as everyone knows the internal taxation of the companies is altogether inadequate.

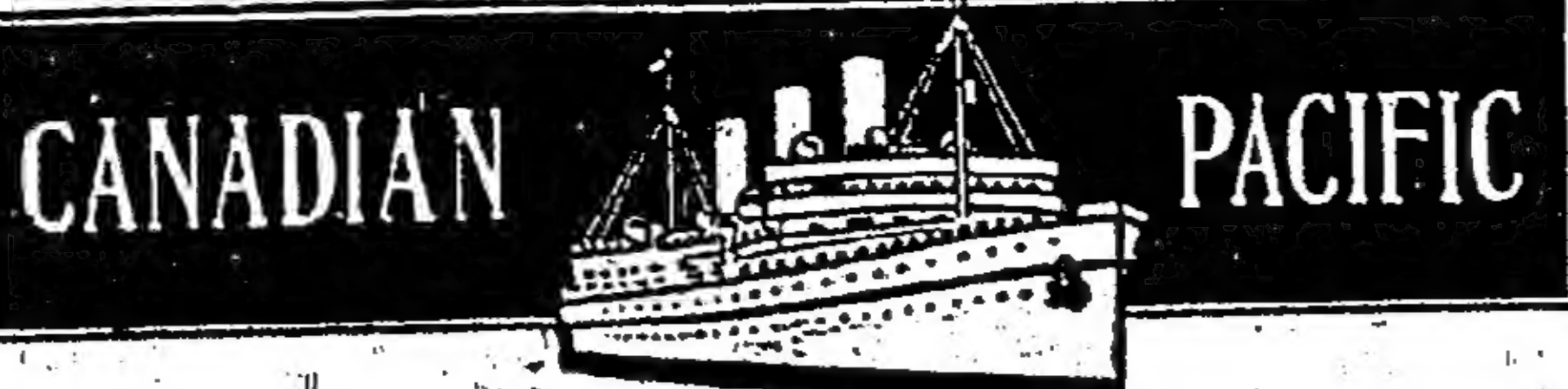
WEATHER REPORT.

December 4th at 17.30—Pressure has decreased moderately over the Visayas, and slightly from Shanghai to Hongkong and over N. Formosa.
 The anticyclone is probably moving eastward.
 Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.
 A depression is crossing the Visayas in a westerly direction. It may develop into a typhoon in the China Sea.
 Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, 4th December, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 105.42 inches, against an average of 82.09 inches.
 The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Dec. 5th is as follows:—
 Direction: ... Forecast:
 Formosa Channel ... N.E. winds, strong.
 Hongkong to Gap Rock ... N.E. winds, fresh.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamooke do.

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DAKAR MARU ... Sunday, 16th Dec.

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TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 19th Dec., at 11 a.m.

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MAYEASHI MARU ... Second half of Dec.

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KAWACHI MARU ... Friday, 21st Dec.

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LIMA MARU ... Monday, 10th Dec.

PENANG MARU ... Saturday, 15th Dec.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

YAMAGATA MARU ... Thursday, 6th Dec.

MORIOKA MARU ... Tuesday, 11th Dec.

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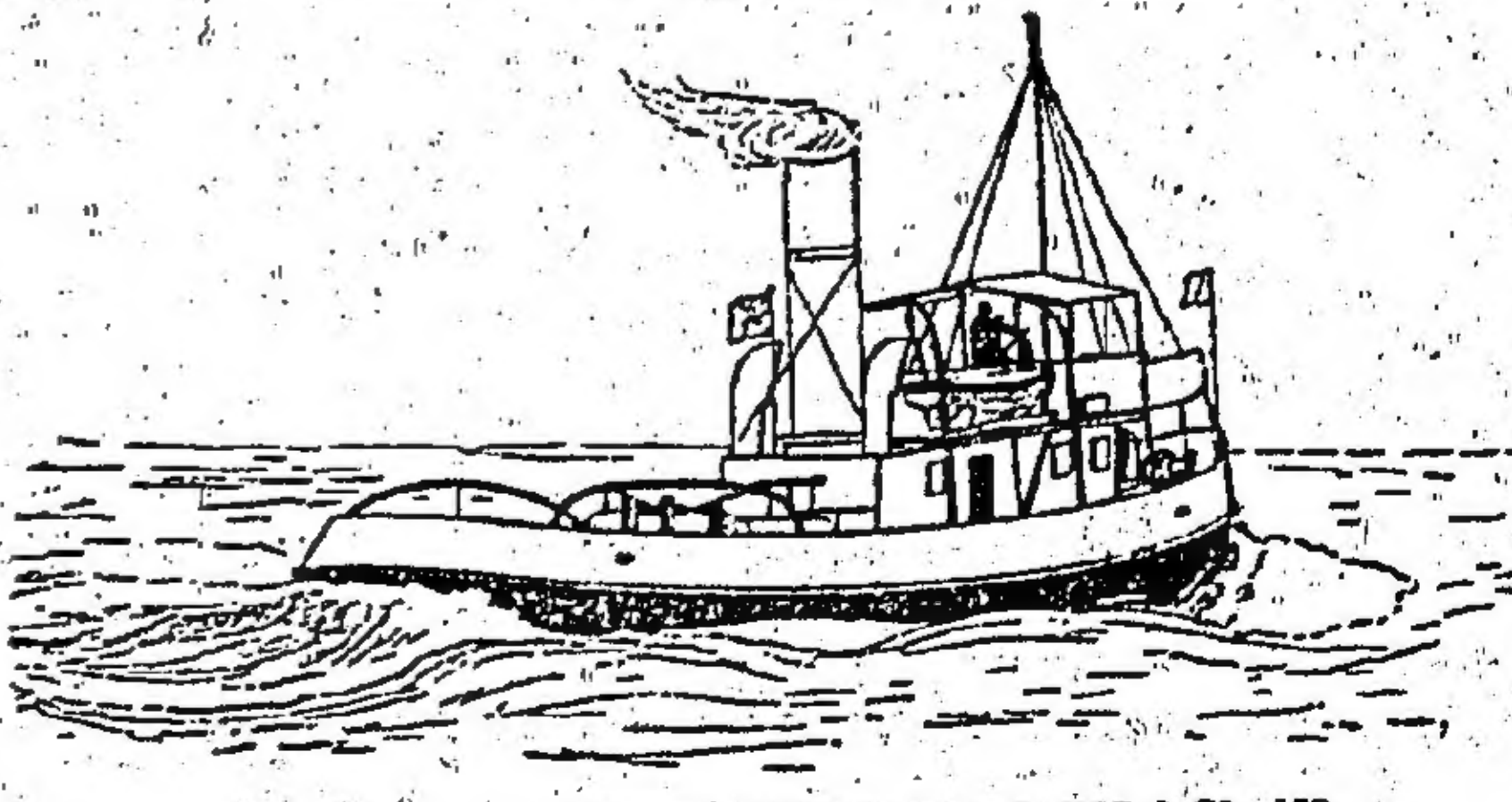
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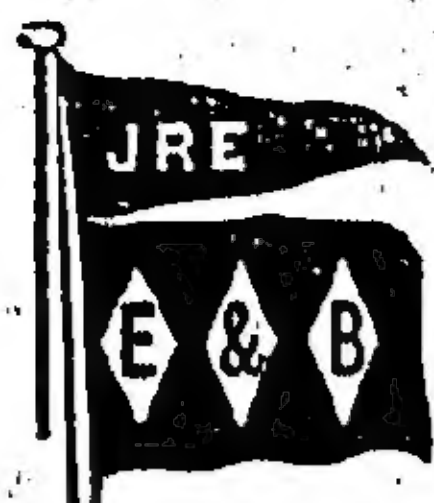


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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	26th Jan.	do
"KASHGAR"	8,840	29th Feb.	do
"MOREA"	10,911	23rd Feb.	do
"KARMA"	9,098	8th March	do
"NALDERA"	15,983	22nd March	do
"KHYBER"	9,014	5th April	do
"CHINA"	7,952	19th April	do
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"KASHGAR"	8,840	29th Dec.	do
"SICILIA"	4,813	6th Jan.	Shanghai.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	12th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
"MOREA"	10,911	23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KARMA"	9,098	30th Jan.	Shanghai.
"BOUDAN"	6,696	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Feb.	do
"NALDERA"	15,983	9th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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WEIHAIWEI & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 10th Dec., Noon.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 11th Dec., D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 11th Dec., 10 a.m.
HAIPHONG	"YUNNAN"	On 12th Dec., 10 a.m.
MANILA	"TAMANG"	On 12th Dec., 4 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUINAN"	On 12th Dec., 10 a.m.
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FROM	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI ...	Swatow ...	5th Dec.
SHANGHAI ...	Singapore ...	5th Dec.
SHANGHAI ...	Kanchow ...	5th Dec.
SHANGHAI ...	Ukong ...	7th Dec.
SHANGHAI ...	Tientsin ...	8th Dec.
SHANGHAI ...	Pross. Tait ...	10th Dec.
SHANGHAI ...	Pross. Jefferson ...	13th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Haiphong ...	Kuangsang ...	Wednesday, 5th, 8.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, Malacca, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Durban, Egypt ...	Katori Maru ...	Registration Letters 8.45 A.M.
Europe via Marseilles due Marseilles, 5th January, 1924.	Saratan ...	10.30 A.M.
Amoy, Straits, Ceylon, Malacca, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via D'Kodi ...	Argon Maru ...	11.00 A.M.
Bombay ...	Tsao ...	2.30 P.M.
Manila ...	Kuangsang ...	2.30 P.M.
Amoy ...	Singapore ...	5.00 P.M.
Shanghai ...	Mingrang ...	Thursday, 6th, 8.30 A.M.
Haiphong ...	Song Bo ...	10.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, Malacca, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Durban, Egypt ...	Mausang ...	Noon
Europe via Marseilles due Marseilles, 5th January, 1924.	Hydrangas ...	2.30 P.M.
Amoy, Straits, Ceylon, Malacca, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via D'Kodi ...	Lake Pauk ...	3.30 P.M.
Bombay ...	Sochow ...	5.00 P.M.
Manila ...	Phurung ...	Friday, 7th, 8.30 A.M.
Amoy ...	Haiching ...	Noon
Shanghai ...	Tyialah ...	2.00 P.M.
Haiphong ...	Sohu Maru ...	5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, Malacca, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Durban, Egypt ...	Hosung ...	5.00 P.M.
Europe via Marseilles due Marseilles, 5th January, 1924.	Taiyuan ...	Parcels, 7th, Registration Letters, 8th, 10.30 A.M.
Amoy, Straits, Ceylon, Malacca, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via D'Kodi ...	Suisang ...	Saturday, 8th, 8.30 A.M.
Bombay ...	Saiyo Maru ...	10.30 A.M.
Manila ...	Amakusa Maru ...	Sunday, 9th, 9.00 A.M.
Amoy ...	Anykor ...	Monday, 10th, Registration Letters 1.45 P.M.
Shanghai ...	Sarpedon ...	Tuesday, 11th, Registration Letters 8.45 A.M.
Haiphong ...	Haiching ...	Noon
Straits, Ceylon, Malacca, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Durban, Egypt ...	Pross. Jackson ...	Parcels, 2.00 P.M.
Europe via Marseilles due Marseilles, 5th January, 1924.		Registration Letters 4.15 P.M.
Amoy, Straits, Ceylon, Malacca, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via D'Kodi ...		5.00 P.M.

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Credit, at 4 months' sight ...	2/4 7/16	
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Credit, 4 months' sight ...	900	
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Credit, at 30 days' sight ...	51 1/2	
ON BOMBAY.—	Telegraphic Transfer ...	160
Bank Bills, on demand ...	160	
ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer ...	160
Bank Bills, on demand ...	160	
ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank Bills, at sight ...	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight ...	103	
ON YOKOHAMA.—	On demand ...	100 1/2
ON MANILA.—	On demand ...	95
ON SINGAPORE.—	On demand ...	134 1/2
ON BATAVIA.—	On demand ...	nom.
ON HAIPHONG.—	On demand ...	nom.
ON SAIGON.—	On demand ...	90 1/2
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